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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To restore fairness and improve the appeal of public service to the Federal judiciary by improving compensation and benefits, and to instill greater public confidence in the Federal courts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Judicial Inde-
5 pendence Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.**

7 (a) RESTORATION OF STATUTORY COST OF LIVING
8 ADJUSTMENTS.—Each salary rate which is subject to ad-

1 justment under section 461 of title 28, United States
 2 Code, is adjusted by an amount, rounded to the nearest
 3 multiple of \$100 (or if midway between multiples of \$100,
 4 to the next higher multiple of \$100) equal to 25 percent
 5 of that salary rate in effect on the date preceding the date
 6 of enactment of this Act.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
 8 on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning
 9 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZA-**
 11 **TION FOR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.**

12 Section 140 of Public Law 97–92 (28 U.S.C. 461
 13 note) is repealed.

14 **SEC. 4. SURVIVOR BENEFITS UNDER JUDICIAL SYSTEM**
 15 **AND OTHER SYSTEMS.**

16 (a) CREDITABLE YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section 376
 17 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (k)(3), by striking the colon
 19 through “this section”; and

20 (2) in subsection (r), by striking the colon
 21 through “other annuity”.

22 (b) NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR SURVIVOR ANNUITY
 23 COVERAGE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 376 (a)(1) of title
 25 28, United States Code, is amended in the matter

1 following subparagraph (G) by striking “six months”
2 and inserting “1 year”.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
4 take effect on the date of enactment of this Act and
5 apply only to written notifications received by the
6 Director of the Administrative Office of the United
7 States Courts after the dates described under clause
8 (i) or (ii) in the matter following subparagraph (G)
9 of section 376 (a)(1) of title 28, United States Code.

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